

THE TRI-WEEKLY YEOMAN.

The Origin of Chess.

The game is said to have had its origin in the fifth century, at the court of a powerful prince in the Indies, who had forced a great number of sovereigns to pay tribute to him, and submit to his government. Forgetting that a king ought to be the father of his people, he grievously oppressed them, and put to death those who dared to remonstrate with him, till the people, borne down by a weight of unsupportable tyranny, began to revolt, and the tributary principles, persuaded that in losing the love of his people he had lost the essence of his power, were preparing to throw off the yoke, and to carry war into its estates. At length a Brahmin, or Indian philosopher, named Sissoe, the son of Dahir, touched with the misfortunes of his country, undertook to make the prince open his eyes to the fatal effects which his conduct was likely to produce. But, instructed by the example of those who had gone before him, he was sensible his lesson would not prove of any service until the prince should make the application of it to himself, and not think it was not done by another. With this view he invented the game of chess, where the king, although the most considerable of the pieces, is both impotent to attack, as well as to defend himself against his enemies, without the assistance of his subjects and soldiers. The new game soon became famous; the King of the Indies heard of it and would learn it. The Brahmin Sissoe was pitched upon to teach him; and under the pretext of explaining the rules of the game, and showing him the skill required to make use of the other pieces for the king's defense, he made him perceive and relish important truths which he had hitherto refused to hear. The king, convinced that in the people's love of the ruler consisted all his strength, altered his conduct, and prevented the misfortunes that threatened him.

Happy Return.

The late Professor Duncan, of St. Andrew's University, in Scotland, was, prior to his appointment to his chair, rector to an academy in Forfarshire. He was particularly reserved in his intercourse with the fair sex, but in the prospect of obtaining a professorship, ventured to make proposals to a lady. They were walking together, and the important question was put without a sentiment or note of warning. Of course the lady replied by a gentle "No." The subject was immediately dropped, but the parties soon met again.

"Do you remember," at length said the lady, "the question you put to me when we last met?"

The Professor said that he remembered.

"And do you remember my answer, Mr. Duncan?"

"Oh, yes," said the professor.

"Well, Mr. Duncan," proceeded the lady, "I have been led, on consideration, to change my mind."

"And so have I," dryly responded the Professor.

Some plodding genius has discovered, while spending his own time, that the word time itself, when artificially transposed, or meagrinized, will form the following words: Meti, emit, item. And if the aforesaid and its meagrinisms be placed in following quadratic position, they will form what may be termed an agnigrammatic palindrone:

TIME
ITEM
METI
EMIT

This word, time, is the only word in the English language which can be thus arranged; and the different transpositions are all at the same time, Latin words. These words in English, as well as in Latin, may be either upward or downward. The English words time, item, meti, and emit—go forth—mentioned above; and of the Latin ones—first, time signifies fear thou; second, item, likewise; third, meti, to be measured; fourth, emit, he buys.

It seems that the ladies at Long Branch have got up mania for billiards, which is thus accounted for by a correspondent of the Boston Post: "There is such a chance for posing, so many ways of showing off to good advantage. Graceful women grow gracefuller, and none other should attempt to play. Sleeves will fall back, loose sleeves are so unmanageable, assert the players, with a point of red lips and string of pretty, plump shoulders, but they must wear them because they are the fashion, and round white arms show never to so good advantage as when they have for relief the dark back-ground of the green braize-covered table, and supple waists and pretty figures are numberless times prettier when assuming some new position for playing. Technical terms lose half their masculine hardness when spoken by feminine lips, and become the sweetest music if those lips are temptingly pretty." The gentlemen enter into the game with a keener relish and added zest. There is nothing like novelty to rekindle enthusiasm, and there is something deliciously enchanting playing in teacher to a bewitching little girl, who turns the soundest head with her bewitching eyes, and leads the most obdurate, flinty heart captive, with a brush of her golden hair."

The Famous Eclipse—An Old Time Racer.

The following notes regarding the famous race horse Eclipse are published by the Turf, Field and Farm:

The celebrated race horse Eclipse, foaled April 1, 1764, was one of the most remarkable animals that ever struck the turf with his feet. Mr. O'Kelly purchased him for \$3,750, and it is estimated that the horse won for his owner more than \$125,000 in gold cups, vases and guinea purses, when he died of colic and inflammation. Mr. Plumer, a son of Sir Thomas Plumer, the former owner of the estate of Canons, writes: "The horse Eclipse was buried in the park, not far from what is called the saloon front of the house and there was no stone which marked the spot; but in the extensive alteration which my father made, the stone, I think, got removed, although the spot where it was is well known to me, and is known to me now, and I shall be pleased to offer my services as chaperon to point it out."

The skin of Eclipse was preserved in the range of stables, and I well remember its mouldering, dusty, moth-eaten remains, which I am ashamed to say were suffered to decay and gradually vanish from sight and memory. The hoof, however, was set in silver and preserved by my eldest brother, whose son now has it. The estate of Canons was won by Eclipse for the equally famous Col. Kelly, of whom my father bought the place for \$60,000."

Eclipse was sired by Marslike, and his dam was Spilletta, by Regulus. He died at Canons, where he was buried with almost regal honors. The Challenge Whip was made from his tail, and each treasured among his collection a hoof of the horse mounted in silver.

Appropriate Names.—The following names are indeed appropriate for the uses mentioned:

For an auctioneer's wife—Bidby. For a general's wife—Sally. For a sports' wife—Betty. For a fisherman's wife—Netty. For a shoemaker's wife—Peggy. For a teamster's wife—Carrie. For a lawyer's wife—Sue. For a printer's wife—Em. For a druggist's wife—Ann Eliza. For a carpet-maker's wife—Matie.

Fasten a nail or key to a string and suspend it to your thumb and finger, and the nail will oscillate like a pendulum. Let some one place his open hand under the nail, and it will change to circular motion. Then let a third person place his hand upon your shoulder, and the nail becomes in a moment stationary.

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